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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance dated February 19, 2004 and the issue fee is due on or before May 19, 2004 for the above-identified application. Applicant is paying the issue fee concurrently with this amendment. Entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Docket No. 1232-4767 Reply to Notice of Allowance of February 19, 2004

AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4767). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted, MORGAN & FINNEGAN LLP

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